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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q68179

TADASHI CHIBA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/031,461

Group Art Unit: 1734

Confirmation No.: 6888

Examiner: Yelena G. Gakh

Filed: January 22, 2002

For: AUTOMATIC ANALYSIS AND CONTROL SYSTEM FOR ELECTROLESS  
COMPOSITE PLATING SOLUTION

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of August 10, 2004 to December 10, 2004.

A check for the statutory fee of \$120.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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